BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2006-37-C - ORDER NO. 2007-161

MARCH 27, 2007

IN RE:	Petition of the Office of Regulatory Staff for a)	ORDER ON
	Rule-Making Proceeding to Examine the)	PROCEDURE FOR
	Requirements and Standards to be Used by the)	CONSIDERATION OF
	Commission When Evaluating Applications)	ETC STATUS AND
	for Eligible Telecommunications Carrier)	CERTIFICATION
	(ETC) Status and When Making Annual)	
	Certification of ETC Compliance to the)	
	Federal Communications Commission.)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) for consideration of requirements and standards to be used by this Commission when evaluating applications for Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) status and when making annual certification of ETC compliance to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

After due consideration of this matter, we hereby instruct the Commission Staff to file a proposed regulation that governs designation of ETCs. Further, we hereby instruct the Commission Staff to schedule a workshop regarding annual certification of ETCs so interested persons can participate in this process as well.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

G. O'Neal Hamilton, Chairman

ATTEST:

C. Robert Moseley, Vice Chairman

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